Provision, of power Generators for industries

2805. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of ENERGY he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a plan has been drawn up to prevail upon medium sized industries to have their own generators for power generation;

(b) whether Government had made arrangement to provide adequate generators to the medium sized industries;

(c) whether any subsidy has been granted by the Central Government to States for onward passing to industries to have the generators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) Ther, is no plan with the Department of Power to prevail upon medium-sized industries to instal their own generators and to provide subsidy to the States for onward passing to industries for this purpose.

State authorities are competent to permit captive power plants upto a capacity of 25 MW; for captive power plants of capacities exceeding 25 MW, consultation with the Central Electricity Authority is necessary. Indigenous industry is, by and large, in a position to meet the demand of generators for power production.

Allotment of kerosene to Maharashtra

2806. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly allocation kerosene to Maharashtra during 1985 and what is the actual lifting of kerosene during that period;

(b) what is the basis of allocation of kerosene to that State;

(c) what is the demand of Maharashtra for monthly allocation expected in 1986 and what will be the allotment, whether Government propose to meet Maharashtra's requirements of kerosene;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Kerosene allocations and supplies made to Maharashtra during 1985 are as under:

(Figures in tonnes)

Month	Allocations	Sales
January . . .	92,400	93,002
February . .	95,400	94.^{2}9^{2}
March . . .	34,360	84,543
April . . .	84,160	83,469
May . . .	83,160	83,124
June . . .	83,160	81,408
July . . .	89,530	' 89,811
August . . .	89,530	88,870
September . .	90,500	89,933
October...	89,530	89,982 (Prov.)
November . .	99,330	N.A.
December . .	99,330	—

(b) to (e) The requirement of Kero sene of States/Union Territories including Maharashtra is assessed by allowing a 5 per cent growth over the allocation made during the corresponding period of the previous year on four-month-block basis and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations, additional ad-hoc releases are also made to meet specific situations like flood, drought, cyclone, shortage of LPG|soft coke, etc.

2. Allocation of 99*330 'toane9 per month has been made to Maharashtra for

January and February, 1986. Allocations during the remaining part of 19S6 will be made on the basis mentioned above. As in the past, the oil marketing companies will endeavour to supply the allocated quantities to Maharashtra.

Power projects for Maharashtra

2807. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many power projects have been approved by the Central Govern ment for which the Government of Maha rashtra had submitted project reports|fea-sibility reports so far; and

(b) wha$_t$ 'are the reasons for the ^{deal}y in approving these projects and how long would it take to finally approve them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Thirteen power projects have been approved for implementation in Maharashtra during the last five years (since 1980). In addition, the scheme for installation of Waste Heat Recovery Unit has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority.

(b) Five hydro and three thermal sche mes received from Maharashtra are unde$_r$ appraisal in the Central Electricity Authority. The time taken for final clearance|approyal would depend upon the response from the State authorities in furnishing replies to the comments of Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission, preparation of revised project reports, availability of essential in puts and the availability of requisite funds.

Areas prone to subsidence after closure of coal mines

2808. SHRI K. VASUDEV PANI-CKER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made ; any assessment of the areas in Bihar and other parts $_0$f the country which are prone to subsidence and have been abandoned after the closure of coal mines; if so. the total acreage of such areas; and

(b) what steps the Central Government are taking to make such areas safe for habitation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Committee on safety in Coal Mines appointed by Government of India, in its report in August, 1979, observed that a danger from subsidence is apprehended in 166 collieries under Bharat Coking Coal Limited. Central Coalfields Limited, Eastern Coalfields Limited, Wester$_n$ Coalfields Limited. The following steps have been taken to make subsidence prone areas safe for habitation:

(1) Filing up of the pot holes on the surface as and when they occur.

(2) Stabilisation of the underground workings to the extent possible.

(3) Strict enforcement of Mines Act, Rules, Regulations and bye-laws made thereunder.

(4) Strict compliance with the condi tions stipulated by Director General of Mines Safety in depillaring operation.

(5) Depillaring in conjunction with. stowing, partial extraction etc.

Pricing of gas

2809. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANI-KER. Will the Minister $_0$f PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the issue of pricing of gas for various uses; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken?